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1. COMMITTEE I: AS A RESULT OF INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS
COMMITTEE I ADOPTED A PROCEDURE FOR ITS WORK WHICH INCLUDED
THE CREATION OF A SINGLE WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE TO BE
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CHAired BY TWO CO-CHAIRMAN WITH A MANDATE TO NEGOTIATE ALL

THE ISSUES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF COMMITTEE I. THIS MEANS THAT THE TWO CO-CHAIRMAN WILL HAVE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARING NEW TEXTS AND MAY EVEN NEGOTIATE THEM. ONE CHAIRMAN WILL PLAINLY BE FROM LDC AND ANOTHER FROM DC'S. TWO LEADING CANDIDATES ARE NORWAY AND SRI LANKA (BOTH OF THE SECRET BRAZIL GROUP). THANKS TO MEXICO, SRI LANKA'S COOPERATION WITH US (IN THE BRAZIL GROUP) IS NOW WIDELY KNOWN IN THE G-77, AND THE ARABS AND ASIANS ARE TURNING TO INDIA IN PREFERENCE TO SRI LANKA. JAPAN AS A MEMBER OF ASIAN GROUP ALSO SUPPORTED INDIA. WE HAVE OPPOSED INDIA BECAUSE OF ITS RADICAL POSITIONS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. WE HAVE SUPPORT FROM THE EC AND EXPECT DECISION FROM THE EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP THIS MORNING; AS MATTER OF SUBSTANCE THEY DO NOT WANT INDIA, BUT HAVE POLITICAL PROBLEMS OPPOSING INDIA. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT IF THE ENTIRE G-77 FORMALLY ENDORSE INDIA WE WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER THE US AS THE OTHER CO-CHAIRMAN. LDC'S AND EC HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL ACCEPT THIS ARRANGEMENT.

I HAVE AUTHORIZED THE FLOATING OF THE US AS A CO-CHAIRMAN AS A PLOY TO FORCE SOCIALIST GROUP TO PUBLICALLY OPPOSE INDIA. I DISAGREE WITH US BEING CO-CHAIRMAN. I HAVE TALKED THIS AM WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR (FUJISAKI) AND GAINED HIS SUPPORT TO OPPOSE INDIA. WILL TRY TO GET EGYPT TO CHANGE ARAB POSITION.

2. COMMITTEE II: NEGOTIATING GROUP I (ECONOMIC ZONE) MET IN THE MORNING FOR A PHILOSOPHICAL DEBATE ON THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE. US DEL MADE STRONG INTERVENTION DEFENDING HIGH SEAS STATUS WITH EQUALLY STRONG OPPOSITION FROM MEMBERS OF COASTAL STATE GROUP. ACCELERATION OF LEVEL OF DISCUSSION BY US APPEARS AT THIS POINT TO BE LIKELY TO ENHANCE INITIATION OF A SERIOUS NEGOTIATION. IN THE AFTERNOON NEGOTIATION GROUP II DEALT WITH LAND-LOCKED ACCESS TO THE SEA. US DEL DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE.

INDONESIA PRIVATELY CIRCULATED HARD LINE AMENDMENTS RESTRICTING TRANSIT OF ARCHIPELAGOS; PURPOSE OF TACTIC NOT CLEAR. IN LONG PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH US, THEY PRESSED FOR ELIMINATION OF RIGHT OF TRANSIT FOR CIVIL (BUT NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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MILITARY) AIRCRAFT. SINGAPORE AND AUSTRALIA ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO IDEA. WE ARE PRIVATELY EXPLORING INDONESIAN IDEA OF SUBSTITUTING AXES (LINES) FOR SEALANES GHROUGH THE ARCHIPELAGO OF TREATY SPECIFICS HOW FAR TO EITHER SIDE OF AXIS VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT IN ARCHIPELAGIC PASSAGE CAN GO; EFFECT FOR OUR PURPOSES WOULD BE THE SAME.

3. COMMITTEE III: COMMITTEE LEVEL DEBATE ON SCIENTIFIC

RESEARCH POLARIZED BETWEEN US PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE OVER-ALL COASTAL STATE CONSENT REQUIREMENT AND POSITION OF SOME DEVELOING COUNTRIES TO ELIMINATE ALL RESTRICTIONS ON COASTAL STATE CONSENT REQUIREMENT. USSR PUBLICLY SILENT BUT PRIVATELY SUPPORTING EXISTING TEXT, INCLUDING OVERALL CONSENT REQUIREMENT. CHAIRMAN YANKOV IS ABOUT TO BEGIN SMALL PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS ON ISSUE WHICH SHOULD REACH CLIMAX NEXT WEEK.

4. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT: AFTER STRONG STATEMENTS BY ARGENTINA AND ECUADOR ABOUT EXCLUDING THE ECONOMIC ZONE FROM COMPULSORY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, CHILE CAME IN WITH A MORE MODERATE STATEMENT, AGREEING TO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT IN ECONOMIC ZONE NOT ONLY ON NAVIGATION, OVERFLIGHT AND ENVIRONMENT, BUT ALSO ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, COMMUNICATIONS QTE AND OTHER LEGITIMATE USES OF THE SEA UNQTE. THE MAIN ISSUE WOULD THEREFORE BE FISHERIES.
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